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# PRESS RELEASE

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**RE: UNITED STATES v. ROGELIO BALTAZAR-CAMPOS, et al.**

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle, announced today the filing of two Indictments charging 12 individuals and a criminal complaint, charging 15 individuals with conspiracy to distribute cocaine, and methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. Charged in the Indictments are the following individuals: ROGELIO BALTAZAR-CAMPOS a/k/a ROD, a/k/a ROY age 27; JOSE CARMEN BORJA-TORIBIO a/k/a CARLOS, a/k/a CARLITO, a/k/a CARMELO age 23; JOSUE QUIROS a/k/a JOSE, a/k/a GORDO, age 20; TODD M. ARLINGTON, age 33; ROBERT R. GREINER age 36; ROY HAMILTON, age 22; ISRAEL VALSEZ-URIETA, a/k/a PRIMO, age 31; JOSE MARIA RAMIREZ-DUARTE, a/k/a CABEZON age 44; JESUS MARTINEZ-DUARTE, age 25; ESTELLA CACIQUES-VASQUEZ, age 21. Each face a minimum mandatory term of imprisonment of ten years and a maximum of life, a fine of \$4,000,000 or both. Charged in the Complaint are the following individuals: GLEN C. NERBER, age 37; REBECCA CARPER, age 34; SHANNON RICHARDSON, age 26; JAMES BARS, age 38; RANDALL SNELL, age 43; MICHAEL FORD, age 29;

CINDY L. ATKINSON age 54; GARY GOODENOUGH age 26; MELISSA LEWIS age 25; ALEJANDRO CHAPARRO age 40; DAVID ALPHONSO age 20; MARK JENKS; LATONYA DENISE BROWN age 24; and OBERLI BORJA. Each face a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment, a fine of \$1,000,000.00, or both. It should be noted that the fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime . . . is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. **(Disciplinary Rule 7-107(B)(6)).**

Assistant U.S. Attorney Frederick J. Platek stated that the Indictments and Complaint charges the defendants with operating a drug ring which secured substantial quantities of cocaine and methamphetamine from Georgia and elsewhere. Those drugs were, in turn, returned to Lockport, where they were distributed throughout Niagara County. Eighteen of these individuals were arrested on Saturday March 19.

These arrests culminated a sixteen month joint investigation on the part of the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Mark T. Peterson, the Niagara County Drug Task Force, under the direction of Chief Mark Driess, the Niagara County Sheriff's Department, under the direction of Sheriff Thomas Beilein, the Erie County Sheriff's Department, under the direction of Sheriff Patrick Gallivan, the New York State Police, under the direction of Major Michael Manning, the Lockport Police Department, under the direction of Chief Neil Merrirt, the Albion Police Department, under the direction of Chief Dean London, and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Smith.